--- "Series of 1971" - 1½ Ounces - "The Maple Leaf" - *imperforate* - 22 x 42 mm. ---

--- used by Import Licensee # 134, and by "Rothman Tobacco", Nijkerk, Holland - 1970-74 ---

In 1971 the new ounce series was introduced, with the 1½ ounce imperforate stamp **M-667** first appearing in the collection from the Import Licensee # **134** in 1970. The introductory "letter-cancelled" stamps from **134** were probably from "N. V. Koninklijke Tabakfabrik" of Nijkerk, Holland. The later "number-cancelled" likely come from "Rothman Tobacco" who apparently acquired the firm in 1971.

--- **RN-302** - 1½ ounces, imperforate, from Import Licensee # 134 - "Rothman Tobacco", Holland ---

coded **134** / LG in 1971

coded **134** / 109 in Sept.'71

[RN-302]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1970	---	---	KH	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1971	LA	LG	---	LP	LM	---	---	108	109	110	111	112
1972	---	---	203	204	205	206	---	---	209	210	---	---
1973	301	---	303	---	305	---	307	---	309	---	311	---
1974	---	402	---	404	---	406	407	408	---	---	---	---

The early cancellations for 1970 and 1971 used a 2 mm. two-letter system, with the initial letter giving the year (1970 was probably **K**, and 1971 was **L**). The second letter seems to have read the months, although it is difficult to account for the letter **P**. I have collected only five of these early letter coded cancellations, and require more to definitely establish their pattern. Possibly these letters will read as a *twelve letter monthly code word*.

Beginning in mid-1971 the letter system was terminated, and a simple three digit number system was introduced. The initial number gives the year (1971 was **1**; 1972 was **2**; 1973 was **3**; and 1974 was **4**), and the final two numbers read the month from **01** for January, to **12** for December. It would seem that if they were using months in 1971-4, their earlier letter codes would also read as twelve months. Their coding on **RN-302** terminates with **408** in the eighth month (August) of 1974. Import Licensees were given permission to use the remainder of their stamps, while domestic manufacturers were required to return their unused stamps to Ottawa.

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